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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## **American Embassy Host Iftar Dinner**



Charge d' Affaires Adam Sterling and his wife, Veerle Coignez, hosted religious leaders, government officials, Embassy contacts, and members of the diplomatic corps to an Iftar dinner on September 2. In welcoming guests, Sterling noted that both Azerbaijan and the United States share traditions of openness to different faiths and cultures. Citing President Barack Obama's recent Iftar speech, Sterling stressed that Islam has long been a part of America and recalled that more than 200 years ago President Thomas

Jefferson invited the Tunisian Ambassador for the first known Presidential Iftar. After Sterling's remarks, Haji Hikmet Alizade of the Bibi-Heybat Mosque gave a blessing and guests were served a meal.

Ramazan Bayraminiz Mubarek!

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